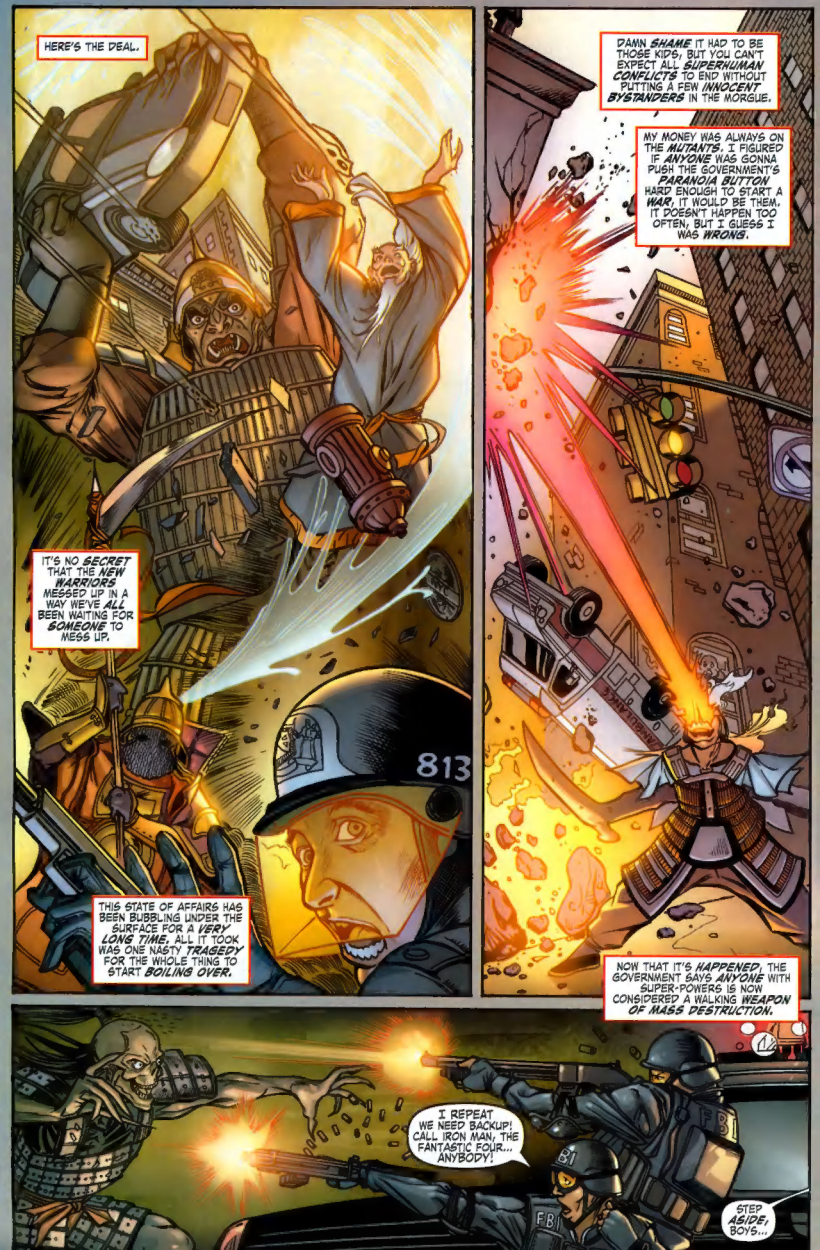
HERE'S THE DEAL.
IT'S NO SECRET THAT THE NEW WARRIORS MESSED UP IN A WAY WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO MESS UP.
813
THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS HAS BEEN BUBBLING UNDER THE SURFACE FOR A VERY LONG TIME. ALL IT TOOK WAS ONE NASTY TRAGEDY FOR THE WHOLE THING TO START BOILING OVER.
DAMN SHAME IT HAD TO BE THOSE KIDS. BUT YOU CAN'T EXPECT ALL SUPERHUMAN CONFLICTS TO END WITHOUT PUTTING A FEW INNOCENT BYSTANDERS IN THE MORGUE.
MY MONEY WAS ALWAYS ON THE MUTANTS. I FIGURED IF ANYONE WAS GONNA PUSH THE GOVERNMENT'S PARANOIA BUTTON HARD ENOUGH TO START A WAR, IT WOULD BE THEM. IT DOESN'T HAPPEN TOO OFTEN, BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG.
NOW THAT IT'S HAPPENED, THE GOVERNMENT SAYS ANYONE WITH SUPER-POWERS IS NOW CONSIDERED A WALKING WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION.
I REPEAT WE NEED BACKUP! CALL IRON MAN, THE FANTASTIC FOUR... ANYBODY!
FBI
STEP ASIDE, BOYS...

...WE GOT THIS.
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
SHUT UP, FALL BACK AND LET US SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.
YOU'RE PROBABLY WONDERING WHO WE ARE.
FBI
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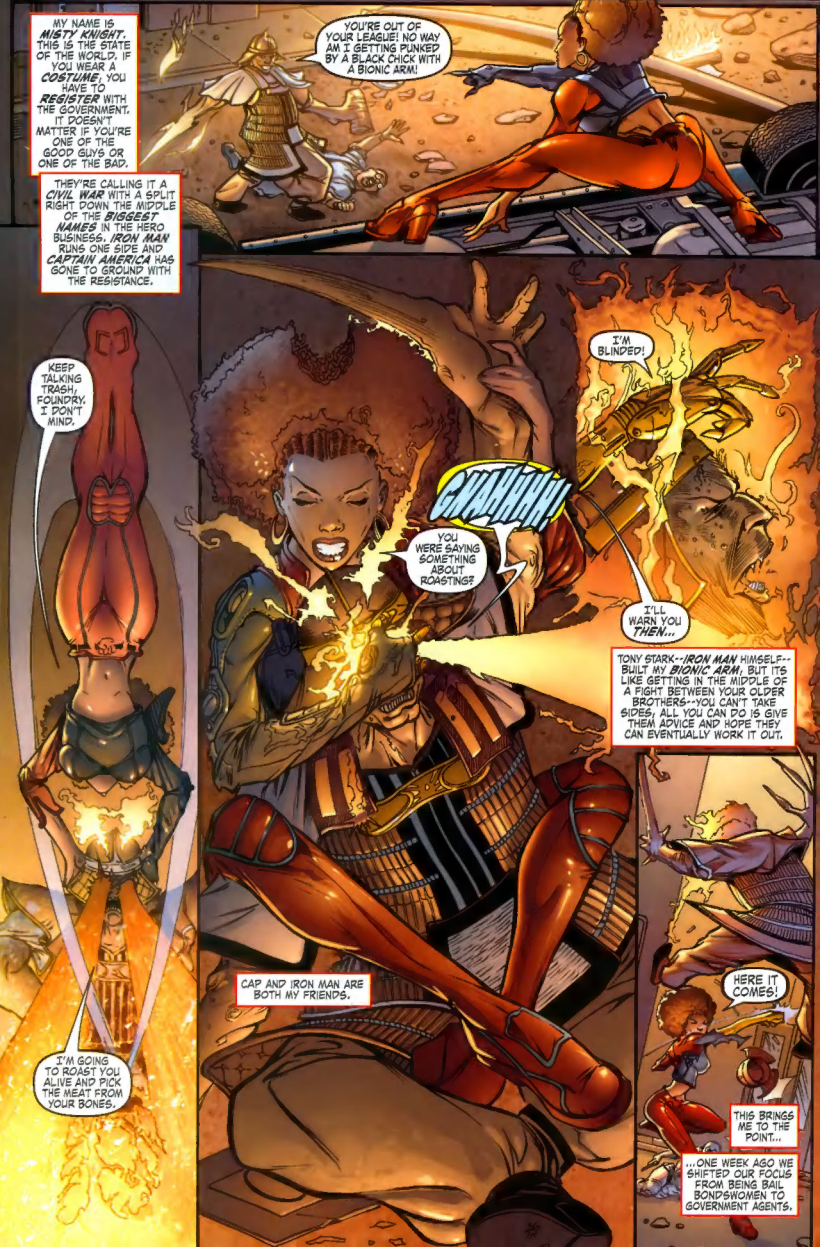
BACK IN THE DAY, POWER MAN AND IRON FIST TOOK IT TO THE PERPS OLD-SCHOOL STYLE WITH A BUSINESS CALLED HEROES FOR HIRE...IT WAS EXACTLY WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE.
THIS IS WHEN THE MAYOR WAS OFF PLAYING TENNIS AND THE PIMPS, MOBSTERS AND DRUG-DEALING SCUM RAN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS JUST TOO DAMN SCARED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
THEY WERE COOLER THAN COOL AND I WISH WE HAD THEM WITH US, BUT THAT AIN'T THE SITUATION. LUKE CAGE IS WITH THE AVENGERS AND MY OLD BOYFRIEND IRON FIST IS M.I.A.
ANYWAY, THE SAME PRINCIPAL IDEA APPLIES TO US...ONLY WE'RE GETTING FULL PAY WITH MEDICAL AND DENTAL, COURTESY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, RATHER THAN TAKING CASH DIRECTLY FROM JOHN Q. PUBLIC.
RIGHT NOW WE'RE HERE TO ROUND UP THE LATEST BATCH OF GOONS THAT CALL THEMSELVES THE COMPLETELY UNINSPIRED MANDARIN'S AVATARS.
YEAH, I KNOW, THE MANDARIN DIED. BUT MY CONTACTS TELL ME A NEW GUY STEPPED IN TO FILL HIS SHOES.
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE THE NEW HEROES FOR HIRE...

THAT'S MY BEST FRIEND, COLLEEN WING.
DO NOT MAKE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING THAT CUTE SMILE AND DAZZLING RED HAIR MEANS SHE'S JUST EYE CANDY. SHE SLICES AND SHE DICES AND NEVER NEEDS SHARPENING.
WHAT'S WITH THE SILENT TREATMENT?
I DON'T THINK SHE LIKES US, LICH.
SICKLE, I THINK SHE THINKS SHE'S TOO GOOD FOR US.
COLLEEN GREW UP IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN HONSHU, JAPAN, WHERE HER GRANDFATHER, KENJI OZAWA, RAISED HER. KENJI WAS A REAL BAD MAN WITH A BLADE AND A MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE SECRET SERVICE.
KENJI DESCENDED FROM SAMURAI, WHICH PRETTY MUCH MAKES MY GIRL THE ONLY HALF-AMERICAN, HALF-JAPANESE SAMURAI IN NEW YORK.
OUR HISTORY TOGETHER GOES WAY BACK...AS A COP, I LOST MY ARM TO A TERRORIST BOMB AND QUIT THE POLICE FORCE. AFTER THAT, COLLEEN AND I FORMED KNIGHTWING RESTORATIONS, A DETECTIVE-SLASH-BAIL BONDS OPERATION SPECIALIZING IN SUPER-HUMAN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.
IN MY LINE OF WORK, TRUST IS EVERYTHING. IF YOU DON'T TRUST THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU...THEN YOU NEED NEW PEOPLE. POINT OF FACT; THERE IS NO ONE ON THIS PLANET I TRUST MORE THAN THIS GIRL. I LOVE HER AND I'D GIVE MY LIFE FOR HER IN A HEARTBEAT.
I PREFER TO LET MY SWORD DO THE TALKING.

THE DIMINUTIVE FELLOW IN THE BLACK LATEX IS BUCK MITTY, BUT HIS DRESS-UP NAME IS HUMBUG.
YEAH, I KNOW, NOT THE KIND OF MONIKER THAT STRIKES FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF MEN, SMALL CHILDREN OR EVEN FURRY ANIMALS.
YOU'RE ANCESTOR, RIGHT? YOUR SPECIAL POWER IS LEECHING OFF OF STRONGER OPPONENTS.
YOU MUST BE LOST, LITTLE MAN. THE LEATHER BAR IS AROUND THE CORNER.
YOU THINK THIS IS BAD, YOU SHOULD SEE MY OLD COSTUME.
MITTY'S AN EX-CON AND ENTOMOLOGY NUT. FOR YOU NON-SCIENCE TYPES, THAT MEANS HE'S CRAZY FOR BUGS...
WHERE ARE THESE INSECTS COMING FROM?
THOSE ARE FEMALE NEW ENGLAND BLACKFLIES.
SEE, THE MALES DON'T FEED OFF OF LIVING MEAT--
--THEY JUST CARRY NECTAR FOR THE LADIES.
GET THEM OFF ME, YOU REPULSIVE LITTLE FREAK!
GHAAAA... CALL THEM OFF!
BLACKFLIES ARE FEARLESS.
THEY CRAWL INTO YOUR EYES, EARS, NOSE AND ANY OTHER AREA OF EXPOSED SKIN.
SO, I'D SUGGEST YOU CLOSE YOUR MOUTH OR THEY'LL LAY EGGS IN YOUR THROAT.
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING I'M NUTS FOR PROCURING THE SERVICES OF THE POSTER CHILD FOR ALL THE GUYS PICKED LAST IN GYM CLASS. BUT CONSIDER THIS...
THEY ARE SMALL, BUT WHEN THEY BITE, THEY TAKE A BIG OLD BLOODY CHUNK OF YOU WITH THEM.
I LIVE IN NEW YORK, HOME TO EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE. THERE ARE SEVERAL THOUSAND COCKROACHES FOR EVERY ONE PERSON IN THIS CITY. THAT MAKES HUMBUG THE MASTER OF THE WORLD'S MOST INCREDIBLE SPY NETWORK.
SURE HE'S KINDA CREEPY, BUT WHAT'S A BROTHER TO DO WHEN HIS POWER IS BUG-SPEAK?
ALL RIGHT, GIRLS, HE'S HAD ENOUGH.

THE UNDISPUTED DEADLIEST HANDS IN ALL OF KUNG FU BELONG TO SHANG-CHI. HIS NAME MEANS "THE RISING AND ADVANCING OF THE SPIRIT." PRETTY COOL, HUH?
HIS DADDY WAS A RUTHLESS CRIME LORD WHO KEPT HIS SON HIDDEN AWAY IN HUNAN, CHINA AND MADE SURE SHANG COULD SHATTER BRICKS BEFORE HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO USE CHOPSTICKS.
YOU WERE GIVEN A SIMPLE CHOICE, WARFIST.
TURNING MYSELF OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES ISN'T A CHOICE. THE REGISTRATION IS GARBAGE AND YOU KNOW IT.
I DISAGREE. THE PROTECTION OF LIFE SHOULD BE PARAMOUNT TO ALL OTHER HUMAN ENDEAVORS.
YOU KNOW ALL THAT CRAZY STUFF YOU SEE IN KUNG FU MOVIES WHERE THE WHITE-HAIRED OLD MASTER WITH THE BAD DUBBING CAN WALK ON WATER AND FLY FROM ROOF TO ROOF?
SHANG-CHI LIVED IT, CRUEL TUTELAGE AND ALL.
SORRY, NOT INTERESTED. I DRAW PLEASURE FROM ENDING LIFE!
WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY YOU WILL FAIL.
GNHHAAA!
THERE WAS A TIME HE LIVED THE LIFE OF A SECRET AGENT AND HUNG OUT WITH HIS OWN ECLECTIC GROUP, BUT ALWAYS AS THE OUTSIDER LOOKING IN.
LIKE COLLEEN, SHANG'S AN OLD FRIEND, SO I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO ASK FOR HIS HELP. HE JUST SHOWED UP AT THE OFFICE AND STARTED WORKING WITHOUT A WORD.
I KNOW THIS CIVIL WAR BUSINESS HAS HIM WORRIED JUST LIKE THE REST OF US NON-POWERED FOOLS MIXING IT UP WITH THE BIG GUNS. HIS WISDOM ALWAYS KEEPS HIS OPINION RESOLUTE, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

THE ULTRA SEXY LATINA IN THE RED AND BLACK FORMFITTING COSTUME SAYS SHE'S MARIA VASQUEZ A.K.A.--THE TARANTULA.
FROM WHAT I CAN TELL SO FAR, SHE'S GOOD WITH BLADES AND SHE'S ALL ABOUT THE MIXED MARTIAL ARTS AND GRACIE JUJITSU FIGHTING STYLE.
LIKE HUMBUG, SHE'S A WILD CARD AND ALTHOUGH I'VE DONE SOME DEEP DIGGING INTO HER PAST...WELL, DO YOU WANNA KNOW WHAT I FOUND...?
NOTHING. ZIP. IT'S AS IF SHE JUST APPEARED OUT OF THIN AIR.
CRASH
THIS IS HER FIRST TIME IN THE FIELD WITH US AND I STILL DON'T KNOW IF I CAN TRUST HER...BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN FOR SOLVING THAT PROBLEM LATER.


MY NAME IS MISTY KNIGHT. THIS IS THE STATE OF THE WORLD. IF YOU WEAR A COSTUME, YOU HAVE TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS OR ONE OF THE BAD.
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE! NO WAY AM I GETTING PUNKED BY A BLACK CHICK WITH A BIONIC ARM!
THEY'RE CALLING IT A CIVIL WAR WITH A SPLIT RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE BIGGEST NAMES IN THE HERO BUSINESS. IRON MAN RUNS ONE SIDE AND CAPTAIN AMERICA HAS GONE TO GROUND WITH THE RESISTANCE.
I'M BLINDED!
KEEP TALKING TRASH, FOUNDRY. I DON'T MIND.
GNAHHHH!
YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT ROASTING?
I'LL WARN YOU THEN...
TONY STARK--IRON MAN HIMSELF--BUILT MY BIONIC ARM. BUT IT'S LIKE GETTING IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT BETWEEN YOUR OLDER BROTHERS--YOU CAN'T TAKE SIDES. ALL YOU CAN DO IS GIVE THEM ADVICE AND HOPE THEY CAN EVENTUALLY WORK IT OUT.
CAP AND IRON MAN ARE BOTH MY FRIENDS.
I'M GOING TO ROAST YOU ALIVE AND PICK THE MEAT FROM YOUR BONES.
HERE IT COMES!
THIS BRINGS ME TO THE POINT...
...ONE WEEK AGO WE SHIFTED OUR FOCUS FROM BEING BAIL BONDSWOMEN TO GOVERNMENT AGENTS.

CHINATOWN, NOW...
DRAGON
SO HERE WE ARE, BACK AT HOME BASE BELOW CANAL STREET, WHERE THE NIGHT BEGINS WITH TARANTULA SAYING...
WHO'S NEXT?
MY GIRL IS ALWAYS CHOMPING AT THE BIT.
I LIKE THAT KIND OF INITIATIVE.
YOU KNOW, I NEVER REALIZED HOW COOL IT IS TO BE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAW. OF COURSE, ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN ROTTING IN A JAIL CELL WORRYING ABOUT MIDNIGHT NUPTIAL VISITS FROM QUESTIONABLE CHARACTERS.
WORD 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE IS AN OLD NEMESIS OF YOURS BY THE NAME OF VIENNA IS RUNNING A FAKE I.D. RING FOR SUPER FELONS LOOKING TO GO UNDERGROUND OR LEAVE THE COUNTRY.
I'M EATING HERE...
HUMBUG, NO MORE PRISON STORIES.
GOD, NO.
SHUT UP, OTIS.
THERE BETTER BE SOME KUNG PAO CHICKEN LEFT, I'M STARVING.
HELLO, BLACK CAT, HOW WAS THE RECONNAISSANCE MISSION?

DETAILS WERE SKETCHY, BUT WE MIGHT WANT TO CHECK THE SHIP-YARDS.
IT'S THE EASIEST WAY OUT OF THE COUNTRY.
HUMBUGGER, WIGGLE THOSE ANTENNAE AND FIND US SOME BAD GUYS.
CAN I FINISH MY SPRING ROLLS FIRST?
WIGGLE.
...WIGGLING...
*TAPPING INTO THE HIVE MIND...BEAR WITH ME A SECOND, SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO HEAR OVER THE WHITE NOISE OF MAGGOTS...
*HMMM...DEAD RATS, SQUALOR, PROSTITUTION AND DRUG DEALERS...THIS LOOKS PROMISING.

"LADIES, GET READY TO BE HAPPY."
THIS IS A CASH TRANSACTION *ONLY*.
THE PACKAGE INCLUDES NEW I.D.'S, PASSPORTS, DRIVER'S LICENSES, PLANE TICKETS TO THE COUNTRY OF OUR *CHOICE*, AND AS A SPECIAL *INCENTIVE* WE'LL EVEN THROW IN A COMPLIMENTARY *COCKTAIL* AND IN-FLIGHT MOVIE.
HEY, SHOCKWAVE, IS THAT GRINDHOUSE? I THOUGHT SHE RETIRED.
MAN, I DON'T *EVEN KNOW* WHAT'S UP WITH HALF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM, GOLDBUG.
MOST OF THEM AREN'T *ACTIVE* AND YET HERE THEY ARE LIKE *SCARED RATS* LOOKING TO JUMP SHIP.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M PICKING UP FOR A BUDDY.
RIIIGHT. ME, I'M LOOKING TO GO INTERNATIONAL. YOU GOTTA BE NUTS TO WEAR A COSTUME IN NEW YORK.
IT AIN'T LIKE THE OLD DAYS, MAN. PEOPLE ARE DISAPPEARING OFF THE STREETS; I MEAN BIG NAMES LIKE THE GREEN GOBLIN AND VENOM, GUYS THAT NO ONE GOES LOOKING FOR ON PURPOSE.

SO YOU'RE SCARED?
YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT, AND YOU SHOULD BE, TOO.
THERE'RE BOUNTY HUNTERS OUT LOOKIN' FOR US ALL AND I AIN'T LIKE THESE OTHER FREAKS.

I GOT MY PRIORITIES STRAIGHT. I'M A THIEF. I LIKE MONEY AND ONE DAY I'D LIKE TO RETIRE A RICH MAN BEFORE I GET OLD.
THE VENDETTA THING... YOU KNOW, LIKE TRYING TO KILL SPIDER-MAN BECAUSE HE FOILED A HEIST OR WHATEVER, THAT DOESN'T DO SQUAT FOR MY BANK ACCOUNT AND CHILD SUPPORT.

WHO'D YOU KNOCK UP?

YOUR MOTHER.
...WHAT ARE YOU, THE [redacted] I'M TALKING ABOUT A COMPLETE SHIFT IN THE SUPER HERO PARADIGM HERE!
DUDE, CHILL... I'M JUST ASKING.

SHOCKWAVE! YOUR PAPERS ARE IN ORDER!
PICKIN' UP FOR A BUDDY, HUH? YOU TRY TO ACT ALL TOUGH.
SAVE IT.
OKAY, YOU'RE NOW DIETER WILHELM FROM AMSTERDAM.
WHAT? I SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR AMERICAN STATUS. I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MOVING TO AUSTIN, TEXAS!

BEGGARS CAN'T BE [redacted], SHOCKWAVE. YOU WANT TO END UP IN JAIL ALONG WITH THE OTHER LOSERS, THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM. RIGHT NOW MY PROBLEM IS GETTING PAID.
KATHOOM

RHAGH!
HOLD STILL AND I'LL MAKE IT QUICK.
SHOCKWAVE, LOOK OUT...I NEED A CLEAR SHOT.
TARANTULA, YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO KILL ANYONE.
GNHAAA! MY ARM!
MISTY SAID I COULD MAIM THEM IF I WANT.
CRACK!!!
SHHH.
HOW WE DOIN', HUMBUGGER?
BUSINESS AS USUAL, GORGEOUS.
EXCUSE ME, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
UH... NUTHIN'.

MY NAME'S PALADIN AND YOU MAY KNOW MY ASSOCIATES, SHANG-CHI AND ORKA. WE'RE MISTY'S SECOND WAVE.
YOU HAVE THREE SECONDS TO SURRENDER...AFTER THAT, I PROMISE THINGS WILL GET REAL BLOODY.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING. WE GOT OUR BUTTS HANDED TO US BY A BUNCH OF THWIP-BITE GOONS AND NEEDED THE BACKUP SQUAD FOR HELP.
IT APPEARS THEY DID NOT LIKE THE NON-VIOLENT OPTION.
THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG. LIKE A BOXER ON THE TAKE, WE THREW THE FIGHT. WE ATE CANVAS IN THE FIRST ROUND FOR A REASON. PAY ATTENTION.
I LIKE IT BETTER WHEN I CAN HIT PEOPLE, SHANG-CHI.
LET'S WRAP THIS UP, PEOPLE. MISTY'S NOT PAYING ME BY THE HOUR.
NICE WORK, VIENNA.
I DON'T KNOW...MAYBE THE ROBOTS WERE A BIT EXCESSIVE.

THANK ME WITH MONEY, HONEY.
WHAT'S GOING ON? I THOUGHT SHE WAS THE BAD GIRL.
THIS WAS A STINGS OPERATION. VIENNA LURED THE WILD BUNCH HERE WITH PROMISES OF NEW IDENTITIES. IN EXCHANGE, WE'RE PAYING HER A LARGE SUM OF FEDERAL CASH.

BUCK, YOU'RE AN EX-CON. WE PUT YOU BACK IN JAIL LAST MONTH. MARIA, YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY FORTHCOMING WITH PERSONAL INFORMATION, SO ADMITTEDLY WE DID NOT TRUST YOU, EITHER.

GIVEN RECENT EVENTS IT WAS A NECESSARY STEP TO INSURE GROUP STABILITY.
THEY DID THE SAME THING WITH ME. SO DON'T FEEL BAD.
I CAN SEE YOUR LOGIC. IN THE FUTURE, IF YOU WANT INFORMATION, YOU ASK ME FOR IT.

LOOK, PEOPLE, WE'RE LITERALLY IN THE MIDDLE OF A CIVIL WAR BETWEEN SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL SUPER HEROES. WE'RE OUTCLASSED, OUTGUNNED AND THAT PRETTY MUCH MAKES US THE DIRTY DOZEN OF THE SPANDEX SET.
THE CAPES CAN UNDERESTIMATE US ALL THEY WANT BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE IS, FOR ALL THEIR POWER, NONE OF THE MASKS KNOWS WHOM THEY CAN TRUST AND WHOM THEY CAN'T.

NEXT> CAPTAIN AMERICA

MOST WANTED

Welcome to the first issue of the new HEROES FOR HIRE!

While this issue stars some of the supporting characters who appeared in Misty and Colleen's recent hot and saucy mini-series, DAUGHTERS OF THE DRAGON, you've no doubt noticed the appearance of fan favorites such as Black Cat, Master of Kung-Fu and Paladin—and the debut of an all-new Tarantula. Pretty cool lineup, huh?

But the team behind this book is just as awesome. The critically acclaimed writing team of Jimmy Palmiotti and Justin Gray are back to pen the new ongoing adventures of Misty, Colleen and company. If you read DAUGHTERS, then you know these guys can deliver everything you need to a book like this: attitude, laughs and edge-of-your-seat action.

They're joined by the one and only Billy Tucci and the legendary Tom Palmer. You may know Billy from the impressively beautiful work on his long-standing, creator-owned character, SHI. And while he's been a friend of Marvel's for years, this is his first official gig with the House of Ideas! Welcome aboard, Billy!

Tom's been a mainstay here at Marvel, inspiring generations of artists and making our books look like gold. His eloquence of line and attention to detail have made him one of the company's most valuable players. We're glad to have him on the HFH team!

And last but not least is cover painter Mark Sparacio. When Billy turns in his penciled version of the cover, it feels almost criminal not to print it as-is, but Mark's magical brush takes it to a whole new dimension.

Of course we gotta give a shout-out to the tremendous talents of colorist Martegod Gracia from Studio F and letterer Dave Lanphear of Artmonkeys.

With this kinda roster, you're guaranteed a home run with this book. Set in the middle of Civil War, there's plenty more twists and turns ahead for our heroes and antiheroes. See you all in thirty…and don't forget to drop us a line at mondomarvel@marvel.com to let us know what you think of our debut issue!

In the meantime, check out these other excellent Marvel comics on sale now:

ITEM – AGENTS OF ATLAS #1: Led by FBI Special Agent Jimmy Woo, the Agents of Atlas were an odd assemblage of heroes that rescued a kidnapped President Eisenhower a half century ago, disbanding quickly thereafter. Now, threats from the past begin to rise again and the Agents of Atlas must band together once more in all of their Golden Age glory.

Comprised of a spy, a spaceman, a goddess, a robot, and a gorilla, the eccentric members of the AGENTS OF ATLAS may be the only thing that can save a world at peril from forces that even S.H.I.E.L.D. couldn't handle.

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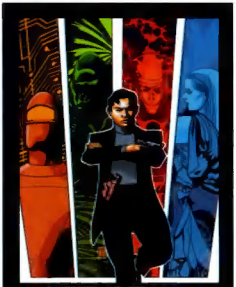

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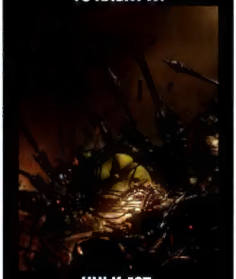

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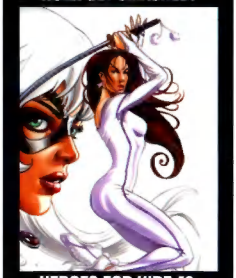

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